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Chief, Industrial Division

Comments on the Disarmament Study, Task Force Study on Inspection and Control Methods, Comprehensive Inspection Plan, January, 1956.

A. General Comments

1. The primary focus of the Comprehensive Inspection Plan is on the size, composition and deployment of Soviet and European Satellite military forces in being. Communist China has not been included in the study. The Plan is a proposal of means for reducing the possibility of a surprise attack on the United States and our Allies leading eventually to a reduction in armaments. The mobilization base -- manpower, raw materials, plants and facilities -- is treated only superficially.

2. The commentary to be prepared for the Director's signature will be "high level" emphasizing major issues and basic assumptions. The critical question is, "Does the Plan outline a variable means for insuring against surprise attack?" More specifically, there are two broad references to "Intelligence Implications" (para. 19, page 9 and para. 31, page 15) and one basic assumption (para. 28g, page 13) which the Director will probably discuss.

B. ORR's Contribution

3. Because of the broad focus of the Director's comments, Mr. [REDACTED] does not want a detailed critique from ORR. While he is not completely clear on what he does want, the best guess is that he would prefer general comments on the adequacy of the Plan as it relates to ORR's area of interest.

4. Due date for all contributions is 17 February 1956.

5. Of the total of about 800 pages of manuscript (The Plan and two supporting appendices), ORR is asked to review some 30 pages of support material appearing in the first appendix volume.

- a. Report of the Task Force on General Industry and Power
- b. Steel Inspection Force, Functions and Organization
- c. Report on Budgetary and Financial Inspection

6. OCI will comment on three task force studies as follows:

- a. Preliminary Plan on Armament and Armed Forces Inspection System, Army Plan

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- b. Inspection and Control Plan, Navy
- c. Final Report, Task Force on Air Inspection

While ORR could comment on each of these three plans in detail, it is doubtful that much could be added to a commentary concerned with broad issues. It is recommended that ORR not review these.

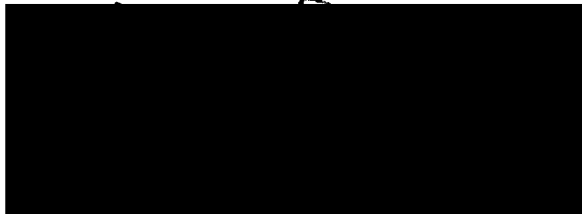
**C. Recommendation**

7. ORR should review the three staff studies on industry, steel and the budget. Each reviewer should be asked to read the 23 page summary on The Plan in advance.

- a. Report of the Task Force on General Industry and Power.  
To be reviewed by D/I. Time allocated: 10 man hours.
- b. Steel Inspection Force, Functions and Organization  
To be reviewed by D/S. Time allocated: 8-10 hours.
- c. Report on Budgetary and Financial Inspection  
To be reviewed by D/A. Time allocated: 30-40 hours.

8. The question to be answered may be phrased as follows:

"Is the task force review of the issues and recommendations for inspection adequate to meet the requirements as outlined in the objectives of The Plan?" The Report on Budgetary and Financial Inspection deserves special attention.



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